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1. One hundred boxcars were observed at the Weimar freight station on 20 September. According to a railroad employee, 800 cars were to be made available for troop movements on about 20 September.<sup>1</sup>
2. About 300 men, 16x122 mm field howitzers, tanks, 74 automatic guns, and four light AA guns were observed on both sides of the Rathenow-Premnitz road on 25 September; and about 1,000 men, 42 JS-3 tanks, 64 T-34 tanks and about 180 trucks on 26 September. On both days there was intensive air activity by jet aircraft and ground attack planes over the area south of Rathenow. On the evening of 26 September an empty troop train was observed at the Premnitz railroad station.<sup>2</sup>
3. Between 19 and 23 September, six troop trains loaded with about 60 tanks, five guns, and engineering and billeting equipment of the 7th Guards Tank Division were observed at the Dessau railroad station and at the loading ramp north of the barracks installations in Rossau.<sup>3</sup>
4. Units of the 6th Guards Mechanized Division returned to Bad Freienwalde between 26 and 28 September. Forty T-34 and T-34/85 tanks were among the equipment unloaded from two troop trains.<sup>4</sup>
5. On 21 September, eight convoys consisting of about 230 motor vehicles, 80 motorcycles with sidecars, automatic guns, and AA and AT guns of the 3rd Shock Army passed through Kyritz moving from north to south. On 23 September, a troop train was loaded at the Dranse railroad station. Allegedly, the loading operation has proceeded continuously there since 19 September.

1.  Comment. The assembly of railroad cars is certainly connected with

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


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intended exercises in the 8th Guards Army area or with the shipment of troops from the training grounds to the military posts.

- 25X1 2.  Comment. The exercises of the 4th Guards Mechanized Army in the area south of Rathenow were probably completed on 27 September.
- 25X1 3.  Comment. The trains probably came from Letzling Heath.
- 25X1 4.  Comment. Units of this division returned from Templin to Eberswalde and Bernau during the same period.
- 25X1 5.  Comment. The convoys probably came from the Wittstock troop training grounds and proceeded to the Letzling Heath-Rathenow-Havelsberg area where the fall maneuvers of the 3rd Shock Army are to be held.

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